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AUGOCHLORINI Beebe, 1925 (Insecta, Hymenoptera): given precedence over OXYSTOGLOSSINI Schrottky, 1909

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the family-group name AUGOCHLORINI Beebe, 1925 and other family-group names based on *Augochlora* Smith, 1853 are to be given precedence over OXYSTOGLOSSINI Schrottky, 1909 and other family-group names based on *Oxystoglossa* Smith, 1853 whenever they are considered to be synonyms.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Augochlora* Smith, 1853 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by Cockerell (1923) *Halictus purus* Say, 1837;
 - (b) *Oxystoglossa* Smith, 1853 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Oxystoglossa decorata* Smith, 1853.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *purus* Say, 1837, as published in the binomen *Halictus purus* (specific name of the type species of *Augochlora* Smith, 1853);
 - (b) *decorata* Smith, 1853, as published in the binomen *Oxystoglossa decorata* (specific name of the type species of *Oxystoglossa* Smith, 1853);
- (4) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology:
 - (a) AUGOCHLORINI Beebe, 1925 (type genus *Augochlora* Smith, 1853), with the endorsement that it and other family-group names based on *Augochlora* are to be given precedence over OXYSTOGLOSSINI Schrottky, 1909 and other family-group names based on *Oxystoglossa* Smith, 1853 whenever they are considered to be synonyms;
 - (b) OXYSTOGLOSSINI Schrottky, 1909 (type genus *Oxystoglossa* Smith, 1853), with the endorsement that it and other family-group names based on *Oxystoglossa* are not to be given priority over AUGOCHLORINI Beebe, 1925 and other family-group names based on *Augochlora* Smith, 1853 whenever they are considered to be synonyms.

History of Case 3054

An application for the family-group name AUGOCHLORINI (then cited with the authorship and date of 'Moure, 1943') to be given precedence over OXYSTOGLOSSINI Schrottky, 1909 was received from Dr Michael S. Engel (*American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y., U.S.A.*) on 16 July 1997. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 56: 19–22 (March 1999). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A note by the author of the application, published in BZN 56: 198 (September 1999), pointed out that the name AUGOCHLORINI is available from Beebe (1925), 18 years earlier than the attribution to Moure (1943) given in the case. The change of authorship and date would not affect the application.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1999 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 56: 20. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2000 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 20: Bock, Brothers, Cocks, Cogger, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kerzhner, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Song, Štys

Negative votes — 1: Bouchet.

No votes were received from Dupuis and Mawatari.

Lehtinen was on leave of absence.

Dupuis declined to vote on the grounds that less than a year had elapsed since publication of the case. [Editorial note. An explanation of procedure followed in sending cases for voting was given in BZN 54: 53–54, March 1997].

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Augochlora Smith, 1853, *Catalogue of hymenopterous insects in the collection of the British Museum*, part 1 (Andrenidae and Apidae), p. 73.

AUGOCHLORINI Beebe, 1925, *Zoologica*, 6: 102.

decorata, *Oxystoglossa*, Smith 1853, *Catalogue of hymenopterous insects in the collection of the British Museum*, part 1 (Andrenidae and Apidae), p. 83.

Oxystoglossa Smith, 1853, *Catalogue of hymenopterous insects in the collection of the British Museum*, part 1 (Andrenidae and Apidae), p. 83.

OXYSTOGLOSSINI Schrottky, 1909, *Deutsche Entomologische Zeitschrift*, 1909: 482.

purus, *Halictus*, Say, 1837, *Boston Journal of Natural History*, 1: 395.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Halictus purus* Say, 1837 as the type species of the nominal genus *Augochlora* Smith, 1853:

Cockerell, T.D.A. 1923. *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*, (9)11: 448.